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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

BEFORE THE EXAMINER:

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the remarks and amendments below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.